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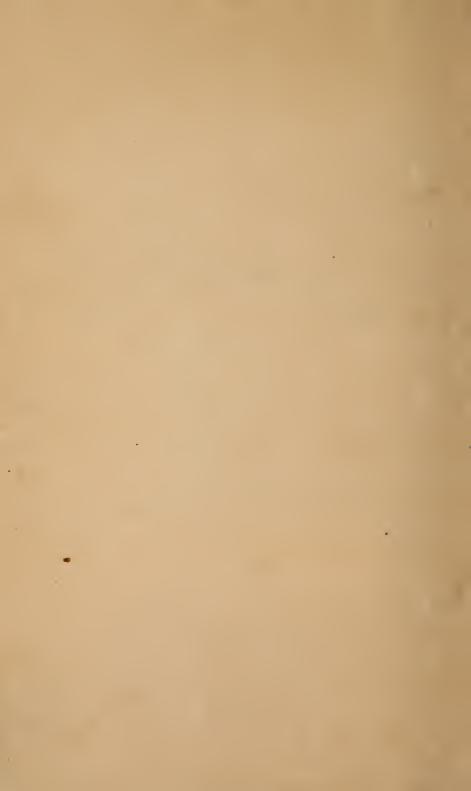
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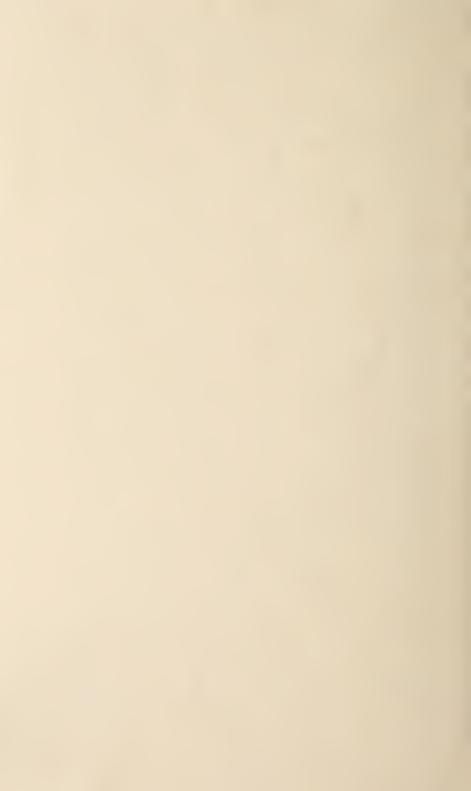
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ART. I. Second war with China: causes that may lead to such an event; with remarks on the ways and means requisite to avoid hostile collision.

WAR with China was long predicted. To those most intimately acquainted with the structure and disposition of the imperial government, hostile collision long seemed inevitable. Few, however, were willing to hold the opinion, that it was necessary, or that it could be justified. It was an event which all, both Chinese and foreigners, equally dreaded and deprecated. War however came - it came indeed without the usual formality of declaration, but not unattended with its accustomed horrors. Solenin lessons were given, were written in blood, and they will be by some long remembered. Yet still it remains to be seen,—or at least, it requires more penetration than we possess—to determine, whether or not the evils which led to it have been so far removed or modified as to preclude the expectation of its recurrence at no very distant period. On the 31st of this month the last money payment is to be made, and Chusan forthwith evacuated. Will both these stipulations be kept? We think they will. The Chinese are known to be anxious to complete the payment of the twenty-one millions; and the only reason, we know of, for retaining Chusan is the exclusion of foreigners from the city of Canton. In closing the gates of this city as they do the Chinese are acting contrary to the spirit of all their late treaties. This conduct is unreasonable, foolish, childish, reprehensible, a sufficient cause for remonstrance, but not, we think, for retaining Chusan,

Regarding the continued occupation of that island much has been said, and a good deal written of late. We quote from the papers of the day enough to show the bearing of public, popular opinion. And our first quotation shall be from the Friend of India, for September 18th, 1845. The editor says:

"Perhaps some of our readers may remember that several weeks ago we pointed out the conveniences which Chusan presented, from the salubrity of its climate, its safe and capacious harbor and above all its geographical position, in the immediate neighborhood of the most wealthy and populous provinces of the Chinese empire, for the establishment of a British colony. We ventured to predict that under our auspices, it would soon become one of the largest commercial marts in the world, while at the same time it would enable us to hold the empire of China in check, and materially subserve the interests of peace. Soon after, we found it mentioned in the Hongkong Gazette that Mr. Montgomery Martin, the treasurer of the colony, was about to proceed to England by way of Bombay, and we suggested that his voyage might have reference to the Chusan question. We now find that the same opinion has been entertained by the Courier, since the arrival of Mr. Martin at Bombay. Our contemporary states that "the object of his journey is to induce H. Me government to give up Hongkong again to the Chinese, and to take in lieu the island of Chusan, which it is now found is much better adapted for the purposes of trade, more healthy, and unquestionably more productive. While Hongkong is a barren rock, Chusan is quite the reverse, and would produce rice enough to support a very large population." He also confirms our assertions regarding the views of the French. "We have heard it hinted that on our evacuating Chusan, the French are ready and determined to take possession of the island, vi et armis, if there should be occasion for the display of force. Any such measure, however, we think would be sure to create a dispute between the British and French governments, and we are inclined to think the latter would not risk that measure: they might nevertheless possess themselves of this fine island by purchase or negotiation, and thus quietly take that prominent position in China for which we have fought, and which we must be prepared to maintain if any good is to come of the War in China."

"Thus, it appears, that the question of acquiring Chusan, by negotiation or purchase, and, if necessary, to exchange for it the island of Hongkong is to be brought immediately under the consideration of the ministry. It is possible, that after the sums which have been ex-

pended at Hongkong, they may be unwilling to relinquish it; but, even as a matter of economy, it would in the long run be found judicious to sacrifice the money which has been sunk upon it, if there be no other means of obtaining possession of the other island which is in every respect so much more eligible. It would even be cheap to indemnify the merchants for the sums which they have laid out in warehouses, in order to secure the removal of our commercial establishments to a spot where they will enjoy such pre-eminent advantages. But if we could obtain the island of Chusan without the cession of Hongkong, it would be more advisable to keep both, and to make the former our head-quarters. We hope the arguments which Mr. Montgomery Martin may urge in favor of the measure will find favor with Lord Stanley, and that Sir John Davis will be instructed to use every effort in his power to obtain it."

Our second quotation, from "the Friend of China and Hongkong Gazette for October 18th, 1845, is as follows:

"There are many rumors as to the object of Kíying's intended visit to Hongkong. We cannot flatter ourselves that it is a mere visit of ceremony to Sir John Davis, or that it is from a desire to witness the improvement of Hongkong since he last saw it as the guest of his friend Sir Henry Pottinger. The most probable conjecture is that Kíying comes to negotiate, there being many important matters yet to settle between Great Britain and China.

"It is evident that on the part of the Chinese the treatics formed with Sir Henry Pottinger have not been kept, nor do we believe there is any intention to abide by them except on compulsion. The British government (and in fact all foreign powers trading to China) have three specific grievances to complain of, each of which will justify strong measures, and we have reason to believe that, acting under positive instructions from home, Sir John Davis has addressed himself to the government of China in terms which demand immediate attention, and hence most probably the visit of Kíying, who comes to treat with the "barbarians" in their own colony.

"The first ground of complaint is restrictions put upon foreigners at Canton, which are quite as great as they were before the war. The Chinese, under the plea that they cannot restrain their people from insulting foreigners, keep them confined in small badly aired factories, injurious to health, and entailing upon them a great degree of personal discomfort. This is a mere continuance of the policy of the government, which from the first intercourse with western nations, has endeavored to degrade the strangers in the eyes of their own

people. It is a breach of the treaty which merits every attention. We do not place the slightest belief in the assertion that the government of China cannot protect strangers from the aggressions of its subjects. A government strong enough to hold together a dominion so extensive as China, with a population of three hundred millions, cannot with truth assert their inability to protect inoffensive foreigners resident at five of their ports. The extract from Mr. Alcock's dispatch shows that, when the Chinese authorities have a will, they have their people under complete control and foreigners need dread no public outrage being committed upon them. The remonstrance to the authorities of Fuchau fú drew forth three proclamations which were extensively circulated in the city and suburbs, and foreigners ceased to be insulted—similar documents would have a similar effect in Canton.

"The second ground of complaint is the obstacles thrown in the way of trade at Fuchau fu. From this port much was expected, and the extension of its commerce is so intimately connected with the prosperity of Hongkong that it becomes a matter of much local importance. Situated in one of the first tea growing districts in China, with a large population either within the walls of the provincial city, or resident in that rich district which is intersected by the numerous tributaries of the Min, Fuchau fú offers natural advantages for foreign commerce only exceeded by those of Canton and Shánghái. It has been the policy of the Chinese to throw obstacles in the way of trade, and until very recently the port may have been closed for any advantages commerce derived from it. A late remonstrance has had some influence upon the authorities and suddenly vessels that for weeks could not sell a piece of goods were enabled to dispose of a quantity, which shews that if unrestrained the populace of Fuchau fú will bargain with foreigners. In addition to the desire to restrict foreign intercourse to as few ports as possible, and at these ports to circumscribe the locomotive propensities of strangers, there are two causes which lead to the desire of checking a direct trade with Fuchau fu. First, were tea brought forward and sold at the new port the government would lose the duties on inland transit; and second, the tea merchants in Canton will use all their influence to turn commerce from the new channel. These are not slight difficulties, but they may be overcome. As refers to Hongkong it is evident that trade with Fuchau fú will be direct with this colony. The river Min has not sufficient water for ships sufficiently large for a foreign voyage-at least near the city-and trade will probably be in

coasting vessels which receive their cargoes from the stores here and return with produce for transhipment.

"The third ground of complaint is the unfair interpretation which has been put on those clauses of the supplementary treaty which refer to the suppression of piracy. Sir Henry Pottinger, believing that the Chinese would act in perfect good faith, and anxious to suppress the numerous piracies committed by native vessels, agreed to two clauses of the supplementary treaty, by which no native vessel was to be admitted to this harbor without a special clearance from one of the five ports with permission to come to Hongkong; he further agreed that all vessels should be boarded by a British official, and vessels not having the pass, should be handed over to the Kanlung authorities, where their fate would be certain. This part of the treaty was widely promulgated, and in consequence few native vessels enter without the chop, as the custom-house officers of the five ports take care that they do not get one. We believe that in no one instance has a pass been granted to trading vessels wishing to visit Hongkong-they pass through our harbor on their passage to and from Canton or Macao. keeping well on the other shore, but they dare not anchor. The colonial government, aware of the bad faith of the Chinese on this point, have lately permitted vessels to come without the pass, and some weeks ago about a dozen junks from Canton to Formosa and other places made this an intermediate port to receive cargoes purchased in Canton. This circumstance gave cause to some incorrect statements as to our local trade which we regret to see transferred to a paper of such a standing as the Friend of India. The truth is sufficiently well known here—the vessels had not port clearances for Hongkong, nor as we before stated, do we believe that a single instance is on record of a Chinese trading vessel's having arrived with such a document.

"These are the grievances to be redressed, and against them the Chinese can solely charge us with a breach of faith in not keeping a man of war at each of the ports as agreed to; but by this we are the sufferers. In every other particular onr consuls have invariably shown a desire to protect Chinese interests, even at times to the injury of their countrymen. In demanding redress, we presume that Sir John Davis has been instructed to declare that failing a compliance, Chusan will be declared forfeit, and permanently retained as a British possession. Considering the value put on the Island. we apprehend that such a threat will not be unavailing, We would insist upon foreigners having access to the city of Canton, and also to the country

in the vicinity, holding the government responsible for the actions of their servants, and Chusan the forfeiture if they insulted or mal-treated any foreigners. The same with reference to Fuchau fú, also the removal of all restriction upon commerce, and a perfect freedom to be given the merchants to trade with strangers. As regards Hongkong the restrictive clauses of the supplementary treaty require to be cancelled, and an edict issued in good faith, declaring that native boats from all parts of China have permission to visit the Colony.

"In these demands there is nothing unreasonable, and fortunately we can force a compliance with them. It may be necessary to retain Chusan for six or twelve months, or until it is made evident that China is keeping the treaty in perfect faith. We are by no means blind to the importance of Chusan, and its value to a great naval and commercial country; but we trust such considerations will never induce Great Britain to retain it in violation of the treaty. It is true that the Chinese have violated that treaty, but this is not an excuse for a permanent possession, though it affords good ground for holding it as a temporary pledge. We do not think that China would cede the island for a pecuniary consideration; but she may possibly be induced to open it to foreign trade, and this the more especially that it draws foreigners from Ningpo. This may also be a matter for arrangement between the two envoys."

Our next and final quotation we make from the "China Mail" for the 27th of November, and we leave our readers to form their own opinions respecting the views and sentiments set forth in each of the three respective extracts. The editor of the China Mail thus proceeds:

"An article lately appeared in the Friend of India, which, though occupying five columns of that paper, affords no very satisfactory answer to the question with which it starts "What is to be done about Chusan?" We can hardly believe that it is from the pen of the editor himself, and are inclined to suspect, from its loose assumptions and the inconclusive reasoning by which they are attempted to be supported, with the high coloring which pervades the whole article, that it has been suggested, if not written by a gentleman better known as an author than an authority. At all events it is remarkable that this and other articles echoing his sentiments on the subject of Chusan, should have found their way into the newspapers of India just about the time he was himself there on his way home from China. We are told by a Bombay paper, quoted in a subsequent number of the Friend of India, that the 'object of Mr. Mont. Martin's journey

is to induce Her Majesty's government to give up Hongkong again to the Chinese, and to take in lieu the Island of Chusan, which it is now found is much better adapted for the purposes of trade, more healthy, and unquestionably more productive. While this is a barren rock. Chusan is quite the reverse, and would produce rice enough to support a large population.' This is about the coolest mode of expressing a cool proposal that we remember to have met with, and one is puzzled whether most to admire the effrontery of the person who first suggested it, or the ignorance of those who coincide with him. But though the ex-treasurer's opinions as to the superiority of the one island to the other are pretty notorious, we cannot believe that as a practised writer and man of the world, he would put them in this shape. Besides he must know the Chinese too well to suppose they would be deluded into the arrangement, and he is too honorableminded a man to encourage the idea that we ought to compel them to make such a bargain, even were it for the mutual benefit of both, parties, which we utterly deny. The large sums which have been expended on Hongkong, have not greatly increased its value for Chinese successors; and in a commercial point of view it is at best doubtful, as we shall immediately shew, that Chusan presents any special advantages for us; while as a military station it could only be maintained at an expense which parliament would not be inclined to pay.

"But were the place El Dorado in resources, as well as Montpelier, in salubrity, there are higher considerations, which ought to actuate us in our amicable relations with a great but jealous people in the beginning of their intercourse with the civilised world; and we sincerely trust that whatever might be the advantages of possessing Chusan, or however plausible may be the arguments upon which a claim to its retention could be asserted, they will not be deemed sufficient to compensate the certain and deserved imputation of bad faith. It may be no easy matter to restore a good understanding should it once be broken up; while it will be time enough to consider in what way we can fairly amend our position with the Chinese, when they again afford us just cause of quarrel. And in the meanwhile we have no earthly fear of the bugbear held out in the Indian papers, that the tri-colored flag or the star-spangled banner will float upon the walls of Tinghái as soon as the ensign of England is removed.

"But the fact is, the Chinese have exhibited no desire to infringe the stipulations of the treaties they have made with England, and so far as they are concerned, it would be difficult to point to any compact between European nations that has been observed in the

same integrity. The slight impediments we have occasionally met with at the northern ports are not so great as might reasonably have been anticipated upon foreigners coming into personal contact with an exclusive people, who have been taught to regard other nations with greater contempt than the Romans did those whom they also styled barbarians. The blame, too, such as it is, must lie with the rabble, because the Chinese authorities on all occasions when well grounded complaints have been brought under their notice, have adopted prompt measures to remedy them. For proof of this we would refer especially to the documents which have from time to time appeared in our columns relative to Amoy and Fúchau fú; and if at the more important mart of Shánghái our commerce has been unnecessarily shackled, this, if we are rightly informed, is attributable to the pragmatical restrictions of our own authorities, and not to any measures originating with the Chinese, who seem really desirous of cultivating a good understanding with foreigners. As for Canton, we have recently endeavored to shew that if the facilities we enjoy there are not so great as our position at the close of the war entitled us to claim, they are all that were stipulated for by treaty; and if greater are necessary for our trade, the blame for not securing them rests with ourselves.

"" From all the information we have been able to obtain, we are convinced that the commercial facilities of Chusan have of late been as greatly overrated as its character for salubrity was at one time decried. Immediately after the war, and previous to the opening of the northern ports, a considerable business was done at Chusan; but subsequently the trade dwindled away by degrees, until now Opium is almost the only article that finds a market. But indeed there cannot be said to be any market for consumption at Chusan,—the local wants are of the most triffing kind, and the bulk of the goods hitherto sold there have been conveyed claudestinely in native craft to other places on the coast and upon the rivers. Certain it is that at Ningpo. where the only attempt to establish a commercial house has been unsuccessful, goods bought at Chusan have been again offered by the native dealers. The opportunities for smuggling have hitherto given Chusan, as a station for foreign trade, any importance, however small, it can boast of; but were our continued access to it guarantied, and' the same mode of levying duties as at the other open ports established. there would be no inducement to purchasers to go there for goods, which they could buy on the same terms at Ningpo or Shánghái. Chusan with all its admitted fertility, salubrious climate, and externalbeauty, produces nothing suited to European markets. Alum and camphor are its chief exports, and these are not indigenous, for the latter is brought from Japan and Formosa, and may more readily be procured—that of Japan at Shánghái, and that of Formosa at Chinchew and other places on the coast. The alum is brought principally from the provinces of Fukien and Chekiáng, and is obtainable at Chusan on better terms than at the open ports, only because, being a smuggled article there, it is subjected to neither export nor import duty. It is as a smuggling station, in short, that Chusan would be likely ever to become of importance, whether it were formally ceded to us, or we were allowed to trade at it by sufferance; and it is not improbable that its advantages in this point of view being known, the opium clippers, aided by the Chinese dealers, and winked at by the Chinese authorities, will still contrive to carry on considerable traffic.

"In one respect the trade of Chusan has decreased since we took possession of it. Previous to the war it was the granary of the north, and our troops on entering the city found a large quantity of grain stored at Tinghái; but this branch of commerce has since been comparatively insignificant. Should the former order of things be restored, however, it may be presumed that it will revive; and were we suffered openly to visit the port, it is probable the grain junks would take off a quantity of our manufactures, in preference to going elsewhere to procure them. Already there are symptoms of improvement, for we learn that during the last six months, possibly as much from the immediate prospect of our evacuation, as from a growing confidence in our rule, the number of grain junks at Tinghái exceeds that of any similar period since the island came into our temporary possession.

"But is the trade of a fleet of grain junks—or the dreams of enthusiasts—or unworthy schemes of territorial aggrandizement, to weigh with us in a matter affecting the national honor, which is our best guaranty for the continued enjoyment of the privileges we now enjoy? It is the reputation as encroachers we have earned in India which has been one main cause of these being so long denied, and so reluctantly conceded. If Britain see them gradually and peaceably extended, she will scrupulously keep faith with Chinese; and therefore we believe the only answer that can fairly be given to the question "What is to be done with Chusan?" is "Give it up!" for though now represented as a paradise by those who would seek excuses for its inglorious retention, the fruits we should there gather would probably turn out nothing but apples of Sodom, fair outside, but rotten within."

We now proceed to specify some of the causes that may lead to a second war with China. The stipulations—for an indemnity of twenty-one millions of dollars to be paid to the British government, and for the evacuation of Chusan, both provided for in the treaty of Nanking, will doubtless be kept. Possibly it may be otherwise. And should the last instalment be withheld, or the island of Chusan retained, long beyond the specified time, the 31st of this month, either of these may lead to hostilities. We wait with some anxiety, therefore, to see how these matters—the closing scenes of the first war with China—will be wound up. We see no reason for entertaining the opinion that Great Britain will seek opportunity to retain Chusan; nor do we believe the Chinese government will, on their own part, purposely allow any ground on which to raise a claim for its retention.

Possibly, also, the opium question may be again agitated. In England it most surely will be, in its moral, if not in its political bearings. In China, after Lin's signal discomfiture, few will be found to raise their voices, where they are sure public opinion will be so strong against them. The "oozing out of fine silver," a most grievous matter to the imperial government, may yet revive Hiu Náitsz' scheme for legalization, and the drug, as of old, become a legitimate source of revenue.

Rising of the populace, much dreaded by the Chinese government, is not to be unheeded by foreigners. Their demolition of a part of the foreign factories, and their armed hosts on the heights in the rear of the city, in 1842, are specimens of what may again occur. This government is strong, and yet weak,—strong when backed by popular sentiment, but almost powerless when it has to act against the vox populing Large masses of the people thrown into commotion, and once turned unrestrained upon foreigners, the destruction of life and property would be dreadful. And indemnity being refused, on the part of the Chinese people, the treaties of perpetual peace would scarcely be sufficient to preclude the presence of armed expeditions to secure redress from the constituted authorities.

Ignorance on the part of Chinese statesmen—their want of correct information regarding the policy of all foreign countries—is more to be dreaded than popular tumults. In the cabinet and councils at Peking, it, has been said, his imperial majesty, "Reason Glory," has not a single man that is willing to cast in his lot with Kíying. A strong, an irresistible tide of circumstances has demanded innovations; Kíying has dared to propose them; and the good old

emperor has added his sanction. Thus a great experiment is being made; and all the empire, nay all the world, is watching its progress and awaiting its issue.

Touching the ways and means requisite to avoid hostile collision between this government and those of other countries, we have space now only to specify two things - the peaceful subordination of the people, and the enlightenment of his majesty's ministers. On these points a volume would scarcely be sufficient to exhibit the subject in all the bearings and force which its high importance demands.

ART. II. Treaty between the United States of America and tho Chinese Tá Tsing Empire, concluded and signed at Wanghia, July third in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, by their excellencies Caleb Cushing and Kiying, in Chinese and English.

We have much pleasure in now laying before our readers the treaty, of Wánghiá, in both the Chinese and English languages, as approved by the emperor on the one part, and by the president and the senate of the United States on the other. As a preface to it, we subjoin Mr. Cushing's own remarks, made when transmitting it to Washington. His note is addressed to the hon. John Nelson, &c., secretary of State, and is dated Macao, July 5th, 1844.

"SIR: I have the honor to enclose you a copy of the treaty of Wanghia, as

signed on the 3d instant.
"On examining this document, you will find, in the first place, that, in the description of the contracting parties, the language of the stipulations, and the mode of execution, the style of perfect equality between the United States and China has been sedulously observed; and I may add, that this has been carefully attended to in the Chinese as well as in the English duplicate of the treaty. You will perceive, in the second place, that this treaty contains many provisions which are not embraced either in the English treaty of Nanking, or in the treaty supplementary thereto, which comprehends the tariff and the commercial

regulations.

regulations.

"First. The tariff is amended, by the reduction of the duties on some articles of American production, and by fixing, with greater precision, what goods: are contraband, or subjects of monopoly. There is nothing in the English treaties to limit the power of the emperor in the exclusion of articles of import. or export. Thus he might render all commercial privileges nugatory, by prohibiting the exportation of tea and silk, and the importation of cutton or cotton fabrics; or he might obstruct the commerce in these or any other articles, by inaking them the subjects of close monopoly, as is now the case with salt. This is guarded against in the treaty of Wanghia, by making the objects of contraband and monopoly a matter of stipulation between the governments. And no modifications of the tariff are to be made without the consent of the United States. 

"Second. By the English treaties, the consul is security for the payment of duties, and is bound to prosecute for all infractions of the revenue laws of China. This is to transfer to the British government the office and responsibility of paying duties, which involves much of regulation and of form in the prosecution of trade, which experience has already shown to be inconvenient to the subjects as well as the government of Great Britain. All this is avoided in the treaty of Wanghia, by making the duties payable in cash, which is perfectly acceptable to the merchant, and in accordance with the course of business in China.

"Third. New provision is made in the amplest manner for the trade, from port to port, in China. A ship which, having touched at Canton, has there paid tonnage duties, and discharged a part of her cargo, may proceed with the residue to any other port in China, without being subject to the payment of tonnage duty a second time; and goods which have been landed, and paid duty at one of the ports of China, may, at any time, be re-exported to any other port of China, without being subject to any further duty. This latter provision is equivalent to a warehousing system for all the coast of China.

"Fourth. Due provision is made for the recognition and personal dignity and security of consuls or any other officers whom the government of the United States may see fit to appoint for the superintendence of our trade in

China

"Fifth. In regard to the payment of duties, various provisions are inserted, for the convenience of our commerce, with respect to the mode of payment, and, among others, that merchandise may be landed from time to time, as may be convenient, duty being paid on the articles only when they are landed, and that vessels may, within a limited time, depart, if they please, without breaking bulk.

"Sixth. Citizens of the United States are to have all accommodation at each of the five ports, not only as heretofore in the construction of dwelling houses and magazines, but also of churches, cemeteries, and hospitals.

"Seventh. Provision is made for the employment, by Americans, of persons to teach the languages of the empire; and the purchase of books is legalized; it having been the custom heretofore for the Chinese government to persecute and oppress such of its subjects as either gave instruction or sold books to foreigners in China: which circumstance has been a great obstacle to the study of the languages of China, and the acquisition of the means of satisfactory

intercourse with its government.

"Eighth. All Americans in China are to be deemed subject only to the jurisdiction of their own government, both in criminal matters and in questions of civil right. I shall have occasion hereafter to enter into these subjects somewhat in detail, and to suggest to the President the expediency of recommending to congress the enactment of laws in this relation, applicable not only to Americans in China, but in Turkey and elsewhere in Asia, where Americans (in common with Europeans) are in like manner exempt from the jurisdiction

of the local government.

"Ninth. Citizens of the United States in China, and every thing appertaining to them, are placed under the special protection of the Chinese government, which engages to defend them from all insult or injury. If the Chinese authorities neglect their duty in this respect, they of course become responsible for all consequences, on complaint being made to the government of the United States. In part execution of this, and other corresponding provisions of the treaty, particular arrangements are in train, for the further security of citizens of the United States residing in Canton, of which a report will be made to you in due time.

"Tenth. The vessels of the United States are to come and go freely between the ports of China, and those of any other country with which China may happen to be at war, in full security, not only for the ship, but for all description of merchandise:—the neutrality of our flag, and every thing it

covers, being especially guarantied.

"Eleventh. Provision is made for the protection and relief of vessels stranged on the coast of China or driven by any sort of vis major into what

ever port of China; and also for the restitution of property taken by pirates in the seas of China.

"Troelfth. Equality in correspondence between civil or military and naval officers of the United States and those of China is stipulated, as also the observance of all courtesy and respect in the correspondence between individual citizens of the United States and officers of the Chinese government.

"Thirteenth. No presents are to be demanded of either government by the other. The usage among Asiatic States of giving and receiving presents has been the source of great inconvenience to the United States in those cases even where it has been a mere matter of courtesy. But as the receipt of presents by the Chinese government has always hitherto been assumed by the latter as an act of tribute on the part of the government making such presents, it seemed to be still more desirable to abolish the practice at once by a provision of the treaty.

"Fourteenth. Ships of war of the United States and their commanders are at all times to be courteously received in the ports of China. It seemed to me that such a provision would secure to our ships of war all such access to the ports of China as may be needful, either for their own relief or for the protection of the merchant ships and citizens of the United States; while it would be inconvenient to go so far as the English have done, and engage to keep

a ship of war at all times in each of the five ports of China.

"Fifteenth. Heretofore, no government (except Russia) has held direct communication with the court of China. At the present time, even the British government does not held correspondence with the court of Peking. I insisted upon and obtained a provision for communication between the two governments. The article of the treaty does not specify to whom communications from the United States shall be addressed, it being left to the direction of the American government to elect whom it will address, not excepting the emperor. Upon this point I shall make to you a separate communication, with reference as well to its importance as for the purpose of indicating the parties at court whom it will be most convenient for the secretary of state to address, when occasion shall arise.

"Sixteenth. In regard to opium, which is not directly mentioned in the English treaties, it is provided by the treaty of Wanghia, that citizens of the United States engaged in this or any other contraband trade shall receive no protection from the American government, nor shall the flag of the United States be abusively employed by other nations, as a cover for the violation of the laws of China. Upon this point, also, I shall have occasion to address to

you a separate dispatch.

"I have thus, in a brief manner, "says the hon. Mr. Cushing," indicated some of the peculiar provisions of this treaty. Many of them are new and important. Some of the English newspapers have commented rather boastfully upon the fact that the English arms had opened the ports of China to other nations, and at the same time have, with flippant ignorance, ridiculed the idea of a mission from the United States, to do that which (it was said) had been already wholly done by England. I ascribe all possible honor to the ability displayed by Sir Henry Pottinger in China, and to the success which attended his negotiations; and I recognise the debt of gratitude which the United States and all other nations owe to England, for what she has accomplished in China. From all this much benefit has accrued to the United States. But, in return, the treaty of Wanghia, in the new provisions it makes, confers a great benefit on the commerce of the British empire; for the supplementary English treaty stipulates that any new privileges conceded by China to other nations shall be enjoyed also by England, and there is a similar provision in the treaty of Wanghia, and thus, whatever progress either government makes in opening this vast empire to the influence of foreign commerce, is for the common good of each other and of all Christendom. The details of the tariff are not yet completed, and some incidental questions remain to be arranged. I shall dispose of these matters as soon as possible, in order to transmit the treaty, and all the correspondence, and various other particulars of the negotiation, in season, if possible, to be laid before the Senate at the opening of the next session of congress."

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The United States of America and the Ta Tsing empire, desiring to establish firm, lasting and sincere friendship between the two nations, have resolved to fix, in a manner clear and positive, by means of a Treaty or general convention of peace, amity and commerce, the rules which shall in future be mutually observed in the intercourse of their respective countries: for which most desirable object, the president of the United States has conferred full powers on their commissioner Caleb Cushing, envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to China, and the august sovereign of the Ta Tsing Empire, on his minister and commissioner extraordinary Kiying, of the Imperial House, a vice-guardian of the heir apparent, governor-general of the Two Kwang, and superintendent general of the trade and foreign intercourse at the five ports. And the said commissioners, after having exchanged their said full powers, and duly considered the premises, have agreed to the following articles:

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ART. I. There shall be a perfect, permanent and universal peace, and a sincere and cordial amity between the United States of America on the one part, and the Tá Tsing Empire, on the other part, and between their people respectively without exception of persons or places.

ART. II. Citizens of the United States resorting to China, for the purposes of commerce will pay the duties of import and export prescribed in the Tariff which is fixed by and made a part of this Treaty. They shall in no case be subject to other or higher duties than are or shall be required of the people of any other nation whatever. Fees and charges of every sort are wholly abolished, and officers of the revenue who may be guilty of exaction shall be punished according to the laws of China. If the Chinese government desire to modify in any respect the said Tariff, such modifications shall be made only in consultation with consuls or other functionaries thereto duly authorized in behalf of the United States, and with consent thereof. And if additional

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advantages or privileges of whatever description be conceded hereafter by China to any other nation, the United States and the citizens thereof shall be entitled thereupon to a complete, equal and impartial participation in the same.

ART. III. The citizens of the United States are permitted to frequent the five ports of Kwangchau, Amoy, Fuchau, Ningpo and Shanghai, and to reside with their families, and trade there, and to proceed at pleasure, with their vessels and merchandise to or from any foreign port, and from either of the said five ports to any other of them. But said vessels shall not unlawfully enter the other ports of China, nor carry on a claudestine and fraudulent trade along the coasts thereof. And any vessel, belonging to a citizen of the United States, which violates this provision shall with her cargo be subject to confiscation to the Chinese government.

ART. IV. For the superintendence and regulation of the concerns of citizens of the United States doing business at the said five ports, the government of the United States may appoint consuls, or other officers at the same,

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who shall be duly recognized as such by the officers of the Chinese government, and shall hold official intercourse and correspondence with the latter, either personal or in writing, as occasion may require on terms of equality and reciprocal respect. If disrespectfully treated or aggrieved in any way by the local authorities, the said officers on the one hand shall have the right to make representation of the same to the superior officers of the Chinese government, who will see that full inquiry and strict justice be had in the premises, and on the other hand, the said consuls will carefully avoid all acts of unnecessary offense to or collision with the officers and people of China.

ART. V. At each of the said five ports, citizens of the United States, lawfully engaged in commerce shall be permitted to import from their own or any other ports into China, and sell there, and purchase therein and export to their own or any other ports all manner of merchandise, of which the importation or exportation is not prohibited by this Treaty, paying the duties there-

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on, which are prescribed by the Tariff hereinbefore established, and no other charges whatsoever.

ART. VI. Whenever any merchant vessel belonging to the United States shall enter either of the said five ports for trade, her papers shall be lodged with the consul, or person charged with affairs, who will report the same to the commissioner of customs, and tonnage duty shall be paid on said vessel at the rate of five mace per ton, if she be over one hundred and fifty tons burden, and one mace per ton, if she be of the burden of one hundred and fifty tons, or under, according to the amount of her tonnage as specified in the register; said payment to be in full of the former charges of measurement and other fees, which are wholly abolished. And if any vessel, which having anchored at one of the said ports, and there paid tonnage duty, shall have occasion to go to any other of the said ports to complete the disposal of her cargo, the consul or person charged with affairs, will report the same to the commissioner of customs, who, on the departure of the said vessel, shall note

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in the port clearance that the tonnage duties have been paid, and report the same to the other custom-houses: in which case, on entering another port, the said vessel shall only pay duty there on her cargo, but shall not be subject to the payment of tonnage duty a second time.

ART. VII. No tonnage duty shall be required on boats belonging to citizens of the United States, employed in the conveyance of passengers, baggage, letters, and articles of provision or others not subject to duty, to or from any of the five ports. All cargo boats, however, conveying merchandise subject to duty, shall pay the regular tonnage duty of one mace per ton, provided they belong to citizens of the United States, but not if hired by them from subjects of China.

ART. VIII. Citizens of the United States for their vessels bound in, shall be allowed to engage pilots who will report said vessels at the passes, and take them into port; and when the lawful duties have all been paid, they

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may engage pilots to leave port. It shall be lawful for them to hire at pleasure servants, compradores, linguists and writers, and passage or cargo boats, and to employ laborers, seamen and persons for whatever necessary service, for a reasonable compensation to be agreed on by the parties, or settled by application to the consular officer of their own government without interference on the part of the local officers of the Chinese government.

ART. IX. Whenever merchant vessels belonging to the United States shall have entered port, the superintendent of customs will, if he see fit, appoint custom-house officers to guard said vessels, who may live on board the ship or their own boats at their convenience; but provisions for the subsistence of said officers shall be made by the superintendent of customs, and they shall not be entitled to any allowance from the vessel or owner thereof and they shall be subject to suitable punishment for any exaction practised by them in violation of this regulation.

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ART. X. Whenever a merchant vessel belonging to the United States shall cast anchor in either of the said ports, the supercargo, master or consignee will, within forty-eight hours, deposit the ship papers in the hands of the consul, or person charged with affairs of the United States, who will cause to be communicated to the superintendent of customs a true report of the name and tonnage of such vessel, the names of her men, and of the cargo on board, which being done, the superintendent will give a permit for the discharge of her cargo. And the master, supercargo, or consignee, if he proceed to discharge the cargo without such permit, shall incur a fine of five hundred dollars, and the goods so discharged without permit shall be subject to forfeiture to the Chinese government. But if the master of any vessel in port desire to discharge a part only of the cargo, it shall be lawful for him to do so, paying duty on such part only, and to proceed with the remainder to any other ports. Or if the master so desire, he may within

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forty-eight hours after the arrival of the vessel, but not later, decide to depart without breaking bulk; in which case he will not be subject to pay tonnage or other duties or charges, until, on his arrival at another port, he shall proceed to discharge cargo, when he will pay the duties on vessel and cargo according to law. And the tonnage duties shall be held due after the expiration of said forty-eight hours.

ART. XI. The superiutendent of customs in order to the collection of the proper duties, will, on application made to him through the consul appoint suitable officers, who shall proceed, in the presence of the captain, supercargo or consignee, to make a just and fair examination of all goods in the act of being discharged for importation, or laden for exportation, on board any merchant vessel of the United States. And if dispute occur in regard to the value of goods subject to ad valorem duty, or in regard to the amount

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of ture, and the same cannot be satisfactorily arranged by the parties, the question may within twenty-four hours, and not afterwards, be referred to the said consul to adjust with the superintendent of customs.

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ART. XII. Sets of standard balances and also weights and measures duly prepared, stamped and sealed according to the standard of the custom-house of Canton, shall be delivered by the superintendent of customs to the consuls of each of the five ports, to secure uniformity and prevent confusion in the measure and weight of merchandise.

ART. XIII. The tonnage duty on vessels belonging to citizens of the United States shall be paid on their being admitted to entry. Duties of import shall be paid on the discharge of the goods, and duties of export on the lading of the same. When all such duties shall have been paid, and not before, the superintendent of customs shall give a port clearance, and the consul shall

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return the ship's papers, so that she may depart on her voyage. The duties shall be paid to the shroffs authorized by the Chinese government to receive the same in its behalf. Duties payable by merchants of the United States shall be received either in sycee silver or in foreign money, at the rate of exchange as ascertained by the regulations now in force. And imported goods, on their resale or transit in any part of the empire shall be subject to the imposition of no higher duty than they are accustomed to pay at the date of this Treaty.

ART. XIV. No goods on board any merchant vessel of the United States in port, are to be transhipped to another vessel, unless there be particular occasion therefor, in which case the occasion shall be certified by the consulto the superintendent of customs, who may appoint officers to examine into facts, and permit the transhipment. And if any goods be transhipped without such application, inquiry and permit, they shall be subject to be forfeited to the Chinese government.

ART. XV. The former limitation of the trade of foreign nations to

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certain persons appointed at Canton by the government, and commonly called hong merchants, having been abolished, citizens of the United States, engaged in the purchase or sale of goods of import or export, are permitted to trade with any and all subjects of China without distinction, they shall not be subject to any new limitations nor impeded in their business by monopolies or other injurious retrictions.

ART. XVI. The Chinese government will not hold itself responsible for any debts which may happen to be due from subjects of China to citizens of the United States, or for frauds committed by them; but citizens of the United States may seek redress in law; and on suitable representation being made to the Chinese local authorities through the consul, they will cause due examination in the premises, and take all proper steps to compel satisfaction. But in case the debtor be dead or without property, or have absconded the creditor cannot be indemnified according to the old system of the cohong so called. And if citizens of the United States be indebted to subjects of

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China, the latter may seek redress in the same way through the consul, but without any responsibility for the debt on the part of the United States.

ART. XVII. Citizens of the United States residing or sojourning at any of the ports open to foreign commerce shall enjoy all proper accommodation in obtaining houses and places of business or in hiring sites from the inhabitants on which to construct houses and places of business and also hospitals, churches and cemeteries. The local authorities of the two governments shall select in concert the sites for the foregoing objects, having due regard to the feelings of the people in the location thereof; and parties interested will fix the rent by mutual agreement, the proprietors on the one hand, not demanding any exorbitant price, nor the merchants on the other unreasonably insisting on particular spots, but each conducting with justice and moderation. And any desecration of said cemeteries by subjects of Chira shall be severely punished according to law. At the places of anchorage of the United States, the citizens of the United States, merchants, seamen or others sojourning there, may pass and repass in the immediate neighborhood, but they shall

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not at their pleasure make excursions into the country among the villages at large, nor shall they repair to public marts for the purpose of disposing of goods unlawfully, and in fraud of the revenue. And in order to the preservation of the public peace, the local officers of government, at each of the five ports shall in concert with the consuls, define the limits beyond which it shall not be lawful for citizens of the United States to go.

ART. XVIII. It shall be lawful for the officers or citizens of the United States to employ scholars and people of any port of China without distinction of persons to teach any of the languages of the empire, and to assist in literary labors; and the persons so employed shall not for that cause be subject to any injury on the part either of the government or of individuals, and it shall in like manner be lawful for citizens of the United States to parchase all manner of books in China.

ART. XIX. All citizens of the United States in China peaceably attending to their affairs being placed on a common footing of amity and good will with sub-

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jects of China, shall receive and enjoy for themselves, and every thing appertaining to them, the special protection of the local authorities of government, who shall defend them from all insult or injury of any sort on the part of the Chinese. If their dwellings or property be threatened or attacked by mobs, incendiaries or other violent and lawless persons, the local officers on requisition of the consult will immediately dispatch a military force to disperse the rioters, and will apprehend the guilty individuals and punish them to the utmost rigor of the law,

ART. XX. Citizens of the United States who may have imported merchandise into any of the free ports of China, and paid the duty thereon, if they desire to re-export the same in part or in whole to any other of the said ports, shall be entitled to make application through their consul, to the superintendent of customs, who, in order to prevent fraud, on the revenue, shall cause examination to be made by suitable officers to see that the duties paid on such goods as are entered on the custom-house books, correspond with the representation made, and that the goods remain with their original marks unchanged, and shall then make a memorandum in the port clearance of the goods and the amount of duties paid on the same and deliver the same to the merchant,

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and shall also eertify the facts to the officers of customs of the other ports; all which being done, on the arrival in port of the vessel in which the goods are laden, and every thing being found on examination there to correspond, she shall be permitted to break bulk and land the said goods, without being subject to the payment of any additional duty thereon. But if on such examination, the superintendent of customs shall detect any fraud on the revenue in the case, then the goods shall be subject to forfeiture and confiscation to the Chinese government.

ART. XXI. Subjects of China who may be guilty of any criminal act towards citizens of the United States shall be arrested and punished by the Chinese authorities according to the laws of China. And citizens of the United States who may commit any crime in China, shall be subject to be tried and punished only by the consul or other public functionary of the United States thereto authorized according to the laws of the United States. And in order to the prevention of all controversy and disaffection, justice shall

be equitably and impartially administered on both sides.

ART. XXII. Relations of peace and amity between the United States and China being established by this treaty, and the vessels of the United States being admitted to trade, freely to and from the five ports of China open to fo-

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reign commerce, it is further agreed, that in case at any time hereafter China should be at war with any foreign nation whatever, and should for that cause exclude such nation from entering her ports, still the vessels of the United States shall not the less continue to pursue their commerce in freedom and security, and to transport goods to and from the ports of the belligerent ports, full respect being paid to the neutrality of the flag of the United States: provided that the said flag shall not protect vessels engaged in the transportation of officers or soldiers in the enemy's service, nor shall said flag be fraudulently used to enable the enemy's ships with their cargoes to enter the ports of China: but all such vessels so offending shall be subject to forfeiture and confiscation to the Chinese government.

ART. XXIII. The consuls of the United States at each of the five ports open to foreign trade, shall make annually to the respective governors-general thereof, a detailed report of the number of vessels belonging to the United States which have entered and left said ports during the year, and of the amount and value of goods imported or exported in said vessels, for transmission to and inspection of the Board of Revenue.

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ART. XXIV. If citizens of the United States have special occasion to address any communication to the Chinese local officers of government, they shall submit the same to their consul or other officer to determine if the language be proper and respectful, and the matter just and right, in which event, he shall transmit the same to the appropriate authorities for their consideration and action in the premises In like manner, if subjects of China have special occasion to address the consul of the United States, they shall submit the communication to local authorities of their own government, to determine if the language be respectful and proper, and the matter just and right: in which case the said authorities will transmit the same to the consul or other officer for his consideration and action in the premises. And if controversies arise between citizens of the United States and subjects of China, which cannot be amicably settled otherwise, the same shall be examined and decided conformably to justice and equity by the public officers of the two nations acting in conjunction.

ART. XXV. All questions in regard to rights whether of property or person, arising between citizens of the United States in China shall be subject

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to the jurisdiction and regulated by the authorities of their own government. And all controversies occurring in China between citizens of the United States and the subjects of any other government shall be regulated by the treaties existing between the United States and such governments respectively without interference on the part of China.

ART. XXVI. Merchant vessels of the United States being in the waters of the five ports of China open to foreign commerce, will be under the jurisdiction of the officers of their own government, who with the masters and owners thereof will manage the same without control on the part of China. For injuries done to the citizens of the commerce of the United States by any foreign power, the Chinese government will not hold itself bound to make reparation. But if the merchant vessels of the United States while within the waters over which the Chinese government exercises jurisdiction, be plundered by robbers or pirates, then the Chinese local authorities civil and military, on receiving information thereof will arrest the said robbers or pirates, and punish them according to law, and will cause all the property which can be recovered, to be placed in the hands of the nearest consul, or

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other officer of the United States to be by him restored to the true owner. But if by reason of the extent of territory and numerous population of China, it shall in any case happen that the robbers cannot be apprehended, and the property only in part recovered, then the law will take its course in regard to the local authorities, but the Chinese government will not make indemnity for the goods lost.

ART. XXVII. If any vessel of the United States shall be wrecked or stranded on the coast of China, and be subjected to plunder or other damage the proper officers of government, on receiving information of the fact, will immediately adopt measures for their relief and security, and the persons on board shall receive friendly treatment, and be enabled to repair at once to the most convenient of the five ports and enjoy all facilities for obtaining supplies of provisions and water. And if a vessel shall be forced in whatever way to take refuge in any port other than one of the five ports, then in like manner the persons on board shall receive friendly treatment, and the means of safety and security.

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ART. XXVIII. Citizens of the United States, their vessels and property shall not be subject to any embargo; nor shall they be seized or forcibly detained for any pretence of the public service, but they shall be suffered to prosecute their commerce in quiet, and without molestation or embarrassment.

ART. XXIX. The local authorities of the Chinese government will cause to be apprehended all mutineers or deserters from on board the vessels of the United States in China, and will deliver them up to the consuls or other officers for punishment. And if criminals, subjects of China, take refuge in the houses or on board the vessels of citizens of the United States, they shall not be harbored or concealed, but shall be delivered up to justice, on due requisition by the Chinese local officers, addressed to those of the United States. The merchants, seamen and other citizens of the United States shall be under the superintendence of the appropriate officers of their government. If individuals of either nation commit acts of violence and disorder, use arms

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to the injury of others, or create disturbances, endangering life, the officers of the two governments will exert themselves to enforce order, and to maintain the public peace by doing impartial justice in the premises.

ART. XXX. The superior authorities of the United States and of China, in corresponding together shall do so on terms of equality, and in the form of mutual communication (chau hwwi). The consuls and the local officers, civil and military in corresponding together, shall likewise employ the style and form of mutual communication (chau hwwi); when inferior officers of the one government address superior officers of the other, they shall do so in the style and form of memorial (shin chin). Private individuals in addressing superior officers shall employ the style of petition (pin ching). In no case shall any terms or style be suffered which shall be offensive or disrespectful to either party. And it is agreed that no presents under any pretext or form whatever shall ever be demanded of the United States by China, or of China by the United States.

ART. XXXI. Communications from the government of the United States to the court of China shall be transmitted through the medium of the imperial

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commissioner charged with the superintendence of the concerns of foreign nations with China, or through the governor-general of the Liáng Kwáng, that of Min and Cheh, or that of the Liáng Kiang.

ART. XXXII. Whenever ships of war of the United States, in cruising for the protection of the commerce of their country, shall arrive at any of the ports of China, the commanders of said ships, and the superior local authorities of government shall hold intercourse together in terms of equality and courtesy in token of the friendly relations of their respective nations. And the said ships of war shall enjoy all suitable facilities on the part of the Chinese government in the purchase of provisions, procuring water and making repairs if occasion requires.

ART. XXXIII. Citizens of the United States who shall attempt to trade clandestinely with such of the ports of China as are not open to foreign commerce, or who shall trade in opium or any other contraband article of mer-

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chandise, shall be subject to be dealt with by the Chinese government, without being entitled to any countenance or protection from that of the United States; and the United States will take measures to prevent their flag from being abused by the subjects of other nations as a cover for the violation of the laws of the empire.

ART. XXXIV. When the present convention shall have been definitively concluded it shall be obligatory on both powers, and its provisions shall not be altered without grave cause; but, inasmuch as the circumstances of the several ports of China open to foreign commerce are different, experience may shew that inconsiderable modifications are requisite in those parts which relate to commerce and navigation; in which case the two government will at the expiration of twelve years from the date of the said convention treat

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amicably concerning the same, by the means of suitable persons appointed to conduct such negotiation. And when ratified, this treaty shall be faithfully observed in all its parts by the United States and China, and by every citizen and subject of each. And no individual state of the United States can appoint or send a minister to China to call in question the provisions of the same.

The present treaty of peace, amity and commerce shall be ratified and approved by the president of the United States by and with the advice and consent of the senate thereof, and by the august sovereign of the Ta Tsing Empire, and the ratifications shall be exchanged within eighteen months from the date of the signature thereof, or sooner if possible.

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In faith whereof we the respective plenipotentiaries of the United States of America, and of the Tá Tsing Empire as aforesaid have signed and sealed these presents. Done at Wánghiá this third day of July in the year of our Lord Jesus Christ one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and of Táukwáng the twenty fourth year, fifth month and eighteenth day.

Aur. III. An excursion to the city of Súchau, made in the autumn of 1845 by Isidore Hedde commercial delagate, attached to the French Legation. Communicated for the Repository.

Besides the subjoined, kindly communicated for our pages, we have been able to learn some other particulars regarding Mr. Hedde's visit. We understand that he visited the dyeing houses, where he inspected the processes of forming some of their choicest colors, and the substances from which they are obtained,—among others the kr., hung hwa, Hibicus rosa sinensis, which comes, we are told, from the province of Sz'chuen. It is noticed in Medhurst's dictionary as a 'wild saffron;' perhaps the plant referred to may be the referred to may be the referred to the friend who has so obligingly furnished us with these notices, and we hope Mr. Hedde will not fail to give the world a full account of all he saw while in the "terrestrial paradise."]

Su'cmau is situated in lat. 31° 23′ 25′ N.; long, 4′ 0° 25′ E. of Peking. It has been compared by the French missionaries to Venice, with this difference, that Súchau is two days distant from the sea, being accessible only by small inland water, communications. It is the second city of the province of Kiángsú, and residence of a governor who acts by himself, subordinate only to the governor resident at Nánking. Its situation in the midst of large channels of water is beautiful; the country all around is very pleasant; its climate is delightful, and it is said by many to be the most populous city of the empire. From Shánghái the way to it is through a continual range of villages and cities. Not an inch of ground is left uncultivated, and crops succeed each other the year round.

The adjacent country is flat, and except some few hills of a blue lime-stone, the soil is of a rich alluvial character. Cotton, silk, rice, wheat, rye barley and vegetables, are common productions. The intercommunication is carried on by means of rivers, canals and ponds surrounded by the most flourishing vegetation. There may be seen the large mulberry with notched leaf, the red leaved tallow tree, the long black bamboo and green willow intermingled with the large lobated leaf, of the paper tree, the dark green tall cypress, the pine, and the wide spreading banian tree. At short intervals may be seen, for purposes of irrigation, machines moved by men or buffaloes; granite sluices are also sometimes observed constructed for the same purpose. All the channels are full of small boats, lighters, junks, &c., coming up and down, some of them full of fruits and Aowers and various other products.

Súchau is like Hángchau not only a town of large commerce and great silk manufactures, but a place of diversion and pleasure. "Above," say the Chinese, "is paradise, below are Sú and Háng." They add, "To be happy on earth, one must be born in Súchau, live in Canton, and die in Liáuchau."\* In fact, Súchau has a high reputation throughout China, for the magnificence of its ancient and new marble buildings, the elegance of its tombs, the multitude of its granite bridges and artificial canals, the picturesque scenery of its waters, streets, gardens and quays, the politeness of its inhabitants, and especially for the beauty of the female sex.

It is said that the city contains a "million of inhabitants," and that there are other millions in its vicinity. Indeed there are several towns included in one, comprising what is called Súchau. First the city proper, inclosed with high walls which are about ten miles in circumference. Second, the suburbs, which are four distinct towns, especially one in the west part, which is about ten miles in length and nearly the same in breadth, and is separated from the city proper by the great imperial canal,. Third, the population residing on the water, which is very numerous.

This interesting city has never yet been fully described. Several missionaries have visited it, but have said little about it. Lord Macartney passed through it, but only gave a few notices of its elegant bridges, the culture and manufacture of silk, the manners and costume of the people. Many, and among them the courageous Mr. Fortune, have attempted to enter the city, but without success. Mr. Isidore Hedde, an attaché of the French mission, who has been sent out to make researches regarding mulberries, silkworms and the manufacture of silks, has been more fortunate. He went to Súchau in a Chinese dress and traversed the city and suburbs in various directions without being recognised or troubled. He visited several monuments, the mint where Sycee is stamped, the great hall for examination of the literati, a cloister where young girls are educated in reading, singing and dressing, for the pleasure of the higher classes, and two large establishments for the weaving of imperial cloths. Having entered by the eastern gate, he passed out through the famous western gate, and visited there the most interesting part of Súchau, the focus of Chinese industry. Here are innumerable fabrics of iron, ivory, gold, silver, wood, bone.

<sup>\*</sup> Those born in Súchau are remarkable for personal beauty; those who live in Canton enjoy the richest luxuries of life; and those who die in Liauchau (Kiangsi) easily obtain superior coffins, from the excellent forest-trees which are there abundant.

horn, glass, earth, paper, ma cotton and silk. He saw here silk looms of all descriptions, in cloth, ribbons, tapestry, and embroidery, some even in boats. He saw a singularly woven figured silk, peculiar to Súchau, which is called k'eh sz' 点,in forming which, are the several processes of weaving, painting, embroidery and sewing, exhibiting figures of men, flowers, gardens, &c.

Some Englishmen have surnamed Súchau the London of eastern China, but on account of its industry in the silk manufacture, it would better be named by Frenchmen, the Lyons of China.

Mr. Hedde proceeded till he came to the *Tiger Nose hill* and ascended the pagoda, whence he had a general view of the town, the fortifications, the great imperial canal, the rivers, streams and pools which intersect the city, the numerous temples and government offices, the innumerable streets, the intermingled terraces and parterres, and the confused blending of fields and gardens. At the foot of the hill are the most beautiful shops of every description.

refrom Súchau Mr. Hedde passed along the imperial canal, saw elegant boats conducted by young girls richly dressed and having their heads decked with gold and flowers. He often met large junks loaded with the imperial revenues. He passed through the Wúkiáng district, one of the richest in silk, bordering on the fumous silk department of Kiáshing and the greatly celebrated Húchau. He saw the fields of mulberry trees, observed the mode of cultivation and made inquiries respecting the seeding, planting and grafting of those interesting trees. He stopped at different establishments, remarked the ingenious apparatus for avoiding double docoons, the simple process for reeling the fine white silk named ts'ih li, L. I., and the seven cocoon thread, well known all over the world. He noticed the difference between it and the coarse kind tá tsán, A large worm silk, and especially the imperfectly known kind yuen hwá, T., or the garden flower silk.

- Mr. Hedde has brought silk worm seeds, mulberry tree, ma plants,\* drawings and pictures, apparatus and looms, from his laborious though short excursion, and will make them known in his own country. He intends, if permitted, to publish a full account of his different excursions in Shuntí, a Canton silk district, in Cháugchau a department of Fukien, noted for its silk manufactures, and in other

c - Ma , improperly named grasscloth, is a web of fibres of Urtica nivea, different from the Canton ma, which is usually made of the Cannabis sativa, and from the Tientsin ma, which is, according to Dr. Abel, the Sida tibia folia.

regions, and to give translations of different Chinese works on mulberry trees, the rearing of silkworms and the weaving of silk. He will make known the generous concurrence he met with, especially from the Italian and American missionaries, in his various enterprises, where religion and industry seem to have joined for mutual aid, here amongst the assemblies of native Christians, there in the official residence; every where amongst the crowded, noisy and talkative people of China. Mr. Hedde's relation will be of course very interesting to every foreigner and a sure guide to future travelers.

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ART. IV. A communication from the imperial commissioner Kiying, addressed to Mr. Forbes, the U.S. A. consul, giving full toleration to the religion of the Lord of heaven, or Christianity as made known by the missionaries of the Roman catholic church.

THE accompanying Chinese document, it will be seen, has been elicited by the French minister, H. E. Lagrené, -to whom belongs the honor of securing for Christianity the late act of toleration. In China Christianity has never been prohibited under any other form than that in which it has been taught by the missionaries of the Roman Catholic church, who have designated it Ticn Chú Kiản, "the Religion of heaven's Lord." The French minister has acted a noble and generous part. We wish, however, and many others will wish, that he had been more explicit, and in addition to the phrase "Religion of heaven's Lord," designated Christianity, as all protestant Christians in China will do, IK 新 Yésú Kiáu, the "Religion of Jesus." Kiying in soliciting an expression of the imperial will, and the emperor in granting this act of toleration. have both, we doubt not, wished to place all nations and all religions on a perfect equality; and this too we are sure the French minister both wished and intended. It will be seen, however, by a careful perusal of the paper given on page 196, and the two subsequent documents, (one in our last on page 532 and the one which follows,) that the act of toleration is, after all, restricted to what is designated the Tien Chú Kián. With this many will be dissatisfied.. We shall be glad to learn the opinions of any of our readers on this subject.

KINING of the imperial house, governor-general of Kwángtung and Kwángsí, a director of the Board of War, a vice high chancellor vice guardian of the heir apparent, minister and commissioner extraordinary of the Tá Tsing Empire, makes this communication.

A dispatch has been received from the French commissioner Lagrené, in which the following appears: "Formerly, in requesting that a memorial might be laid before the throne for removing the prohibitions against the religion of the Lord of heaven, it was my original design that all persons, professing this religion and acting well should alike share the imperial favor, and that the great western nations should all as one be held blameless in the practice thereof. The religious customs referred to, on a previous occasion, were those of my own nation; yet if persons of other nations did not entirely conform to these, still there was to be no distinction, no obstruction,—thus showing great magnanimity."

Now I find that, in the first place, when the regulations for free trade were agreed upon, there was an article allowing the erection of churches at the five ports. This same privilege was to extend to all nations; there were to be no distinctions.

Subsequently the commissioner Lagrené requested that the Chinese, who acting well practiced this religion, should equally be held blameless. Accordingly I made a representation of the case to the throne, by memorial, and received the imperial consent thereto.

After this, however, local magistrates having made improper seizures, taking and destroying crosses, pictures, and images, further deliberations were held, and it was agreed that these [crosses, &c.,] might be reverenced. Originally I did not know that there were, among the nations, these differences in their religious practices.

Now with regard to the religion of the Lord of heaven—no matter whether the crosses, pictures, and images be reverenced or be not reverenced, all, who acting well, practice it, ought to be held blameless.

All the great western nations being placed on an equal footing, only let them acting well practice their religion, and China will in no way prohibit or impede their so doing. Whether their customs be alike or unlike, certainly it is right that there should be no distinction and no obstruction.

As it behooves me, I make this communication. On its reaching the said consul, he will easily comprehend it.

The foregoing communication is addressed to Mr. Forbes, consult of the United States of America. [Canton,] December 22d, 1845.

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ART. V. Journal of Occurrences: U. S. A. Squadron, commodore Biddle; exchange of treaties; stipulations of the Nanking treaty not completed; reference to Peking; French mission; Commissioner Lin; Mr. Fortune; Castle Huntley; a junk run down; Horsburgh light-house; health of Hongkong; close of the year.

COMMODORE James Biddle arrived with his suite in Canton on Saturday the 28th instant, having left the Columbus at achor below Chuenpí. He was the bearer of the ratified copy of the Treaty of Wánghiá, having been charged with it by the hon. Mr. Everett, who by ill health was compelled to return after having reached South America. The commodore, will act as commissioner in place of Mr. Everett, till he can learn the pleasure of his government. The Vincennes is daily expected.

List of the officers in the U.S. S. Columbus. James Biddle, commodore; Thomas W. Wyman, captain; Thomas O. Selfridge, commander; Stephen Johnston, Percival Drayton, Henry French, and James H. Strong, lieutenants; Madison Rush, acting master; Benajah Ticknor, ficet surgeon; C. F. B. Guillou, passed assistant surgeon; D. L. Bryan, and J. D. Wall, assistant surgeons; Rev. J. W. Newton, chaptain; Edward T. Dunn, purser; H. B. Tyler, captain of marines; N. S. Waldron, first lieutenant of marines; John C. Cash, second lieutenant of marines; E. St. Clair Clarke, commodore's sec.; Mordecai Yarnell, professor of mathematics; J. M. Wainwright, D. M. Fairfax, and A. J. Drake, passed midshipmen; William D. Whiting, Geo. M. Dibble, N. IV. Van Zandt, Stephen B. Luce, Gustavus Harrison, H. A. Colborne, E. W. Henry, E. A. Selden, J. B. Stewart, D. A. McDernot, Byrd W. Stevenson, Jonathan Young, Charles K. Graham, and W. W. Low, midshipmen; Robert Harris, captain's clerk: J. L. Keffer, commander's clerk; William H. Needles, purser's clerk; V. R. Hall, boatswain; —— Rodman, sail-maker; Jonas Dibble, carpenter.

To-day, Wednesday, December 31st, ratified copies of the Treaty concluded at Wanghia, July 3d, 1844, by their excellencies Caleb Cushing and Kiying, were exchanged at Pwantang, Puntong, a country seat of Pwan Sz'shing. The exchange took place at 3 o'clock P. M. There were present on the part of the Chinese, their excellencies Kiying, Hwang Ngantung, Chau Changling and Pwan Sz'shing-the same persons who took part in negotiating the treatywith Liú Tsin, the chifú, prefect or mayor of the city of Canton, and a large a retinue of inferior officers; on the part of the U. S. A. were present, commodore Biddle, officers from the Columbus, the U.S. A. consul P. S. Forbes esq., the Rev. Drs. Parker and Bridgman-the former being secretary and Coinese interpreter to the Legation-with several other gentlemen residents at Canton. After the parties had passed the compliments usual when meeting on such occasions, the two copies of the treaty which had been ratified—one by the emperor at Peking and the other at Washington by the president and the senate—were brought forward, and the Chinese carefully compared one with the other, and being found to agree, they were exchanged in due form, commodore Biddle, acting commissioner, presenting

that from Washington to Kiying, who in his turn delivered that from Peking, the whole party standing. Four copies of a certificate of the exchange, previously prepared in Chinese and English, were then signed and sealed by the commissioners, and two retained by the one, and two by the other. This closed the business of the day.

Kíying, who for some days past had been suffering from ill health, now requested Dr. Parker, who had prescribed for his excellency several days previously, to examine his pulse and his lungs, the latter was done by the stethescope. His excellency was evidently far from being well; but as on all former occasions, when we have seen him, his bearing was remarkably dignified and easy. Of the two, it is not easy to say which is the ablest and most accomplished, Kíying or Hwang. Neither would suffer by comparison with the highest statesmen that can be found in any of the western courts or cabinets.

At about 5 o'clock the party sat down to dinner—one of those rich entertainments that have been so often described by visitors. It was in good style, every way well suited to the occasion.

The stipulations of the treaty of Nanking, it is now evident, will not be fulfilled—in two particulars at least: the last installment, \$2,000,000, will not be paid on the 31st of December 1845, and consequently Chusan will not (for the present) be given back to the Chinese. How long matters will remain in this state, time will show.

Reference to Peking, we hear, has recently been made by Kiying, and, we suppose, with special reference to these matters, and
the non-opening of the gates of Canton. It is said that large numbers of gentry were recently assembled in Cauton, and the question
of opening the gates discussed by them, then in communication with
the imperial commissioner; and that all arguments and all remonstrances notwithstanding, they would not consent to having the gates
opened, but on the contrary declared they would allow the populace
to maltreat any and all foreigners who might presume to enter
the provincial city. We pray that there may be no rash acts committed by either party, and that every cause of war may be early
and carefully avoided. If need be, let embassies go to Peking, and
ministers plenipotentiary reside there, for the preservation of perpetual peace.

The French mission, having secured the objects for which it came to China, is about to return to France. It is said that his excellency M T. Lagrené and lady will proceed by the way of India and Egypt. Rear-admiral Cecille remains in China.

Commissioner Lin, it will be seen, by the following extract, is still alive, and ere this probably on his way to Peking, from his

place of banishment in Hí.

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"" Botanists and Lovers of natural history, both here and at home will be happy to hear that our enterprising countryman Robert Fortune, esq., has completed his researches in China, and that he hus been eminently successful. We believe that during the last two years and a half he has sent to the Horticultural Society of Lendon about seventy glazed cases full of living plants, besides a large collection of dried specimens both of plants and animals. The north of China has been the most productive field as regards new and valuable plants; and Mr. Fortune hopes that many of them will be hardy enough to bear the rigour of our English winters out of doors. He has had the gratification, before leaving China, to learn that a good many of the cases have arrived safely and that comparatively few plants have perished on the long voyage. The Horticultural Society with their usual liberality are already distributing Mr. Fortune's first importations all over the country. He now takes home with him, in the John Cooper, 18 cases of live plants, and judging from some drawings taken from them when in flower they will form a most valuable acquisition to our Florists at home, more particularly in the species of Moutans, New Roses, and Azaleas.

"Mr. Fortune expresses much gratitude to his countrymen in China from whom he has experienced uniform kindness and encouragement in his pursuits. We are happy to inform his friends at a distance that, though his health was slightly shaken during this last summer, he leaves this in renewed vigour. We have no fear but that his reception at home will be most cordial, and that the Society in whose employment he has undergone so much labour and exposure will mark their approbation of his exertions. An account of his personal adventures and observations among the natives in districts which few if any Europeans have penetrated will be most interesting and we hope will soon be

supplied to the world."

The Castle Huntley was lost on the Paracels Oct. 27th; captain McIntyre with his officers and a part of the crew reached Hainán on the 29th; and, on the 12th instant, they arrived in Canton, having been well treated by the Chinese. The "Pluto" was dispatched from Hongkong on the 22d to look for the remainder of the crew.

A Chinese junk was run down by a foreign vessel, off Chuenpí, on the night of the 25th ult. So reports the China Mail, but does

not give us the particulars nor even the name of the vessel!

Our attention has been called to the *Horsburgh Monument*, by a letter from Singapore of the 8th instant, just received. We shall return to this subject in a future number.

Hongkong, we are happy to hear, is now coming to be regarded as possessing a healthy climate. We rejoice at this, and wish all

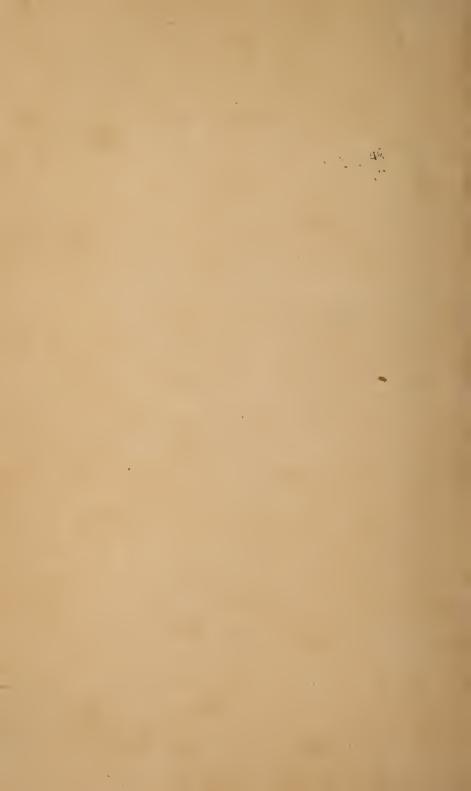
prosperity to the colony,

As the year 1845 closes, the prospects of China are on the whole fair. September 4th the emperor was pleased to issue a decree, remitting all debts due to government from the people, contracted on or before the 20th year of his reign. This was done in consequence of his mother's having reached her seventieth year, and such a gracious act it was well judged would "gladden the hearts of all people. Peace, so far as we know, reigns throughout all the dominions of his imperial majesty.









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